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C O N F I D E N T I A L LILONGWE 0560

FROM AMBASSADOR FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, OTRA (SCHAUFELE, WILLIAM E. JR.), US, XA, MI
SUBJECT: SCHAUFELE VISIT TO AFRICA - MALAWI

REF: A) STATE 165318 B) LILONGLE 0510 (NOTAL)

1. WONDER IF SCHEDULE MIGHT BE REVISED TO FIT IN SHORT VISIT TO MALAWI. YOUR AFRICAN VISIT WILL BE THIRD BY HIGH-RANKING U.S. OFFICIAL IN RECENT MONTH TO SKIP MALAWI AND GOM WAS DISTURBED ABOUT AMB. SCRANTON NOW COMING (REFTEL B). IT APPEARS WE ARE PURPOSEFULLY BYPASSING MALAWI WHICH BOUND TO OFFEND BANDA.

2. WHILE WE DO NOT LIKE EVERYTHING ABOUT BANDA REGIME HE IS SUPPORTIVE OF WEST AND USEFUL TO US AT UN OF ISSUES WE CONSIDER VITAL. ALSO, HE FAVORS PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND IS ONLY BLACK AFRICAN TO MAINTAIN FORMAL DIPLOMATIC LINKS WITH PRETORIA. HE IS THEREFORE USEFUL TO PRETORIA IN LATTER'S
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POLICY OF ESTABLISHING CONTACTS WITH BLACK AFRICA AND

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MIGHT EVENTUALLY BE USEFUL TO US IN OUR OVERALL GOAL OF SEEKING PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA ALTHOUGH ADMITTEDLY HE HAS REMAINED ON PERIPHERY TO PRESENT.

3. VISIT WOULD ALSO AFFORT USEFUL OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS BILATERAL RELATIONS.

4. REALIZE YOUR SCHEDULE IS TIGHT AND THIS IS LAST MINUTE, BUT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO CONNECT TO BLANTYRE REASONABLY EASILY FROM DAR ES SALAAM OR LUSAKA. WOULD BE PERSONALLY DELIGHTED TO SEE YOU.

5. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.
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